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In the Office Action mailed March 13, 2006, a Restriction Requirement was issued under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Restriction Requirement requested election of either Claims 1-6 and 18-20, or Claims 7-17. As discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation on March 22, 2006, a preliminary amendment canceling Claims 7-17 was filed with the present continuation application on May 24, 2004. Thus, the Restriction Requirement is not applicable.

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Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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